

February 28, 2008

Healthy Neighborhoods Venture Fund
Advisory Committee
200 E. Santa Clara Street, 9th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear HNMF Committee Members:

Pathway Society, Inc. is currently funded through Healthy Neighborhoods Venture Fund (HNMF) and has been for many years. Pathway Society serves over 210 clients a year providing bi-lingual Family Wellness workshops. The city is maximizing their contributions since Pathway Society receives with matching funds and in-kind support from the following: Santa Clara County – Social Services Agency, ARH, Inc. – Mariposa Lodge, Horizon South, and Blossoms Perinatal Center.

Pathway Society, Inc, our Board of Directors, staff and clients strongly oppose balancing the city budget through cuts to our most vulnerable youth, seniors and other at-risk individuals in our community. We encourage the city to look at cost savings that are not directed at the poor, underprivileged, or at-risk people throughout the city.

The Pathway to Family Wellness six week workshop series is an extremely cost effective and cost beneficial program. The bi-lingual workshops are entitled **Survival Skills for Healthy Families** and teaches parents, children and couples basic skills for living and growing together in a healthy and violence free manner. One of the workshop program's primary aims is to improve the behavior between parents and their children and reduce at-risk behavior, such as smoking, substance abuse and child abuse.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter and should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (408) 244-1834.

Michael T. Pritchard, M.A.
Executive Director

Sincerely,



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cc: Mayor Chuck Reed
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